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SUBJECT: SECRETARY NATIONAL PATRIMONY SELECTS NEW DG
OF MINING COMMISSION

1. NEW SECRETARY NATIONAL PATRIMONY ALEJO HAS ANNOUNCED FIRST OF NEW APPOINTMENTS UNDER HIS SECRETARYSHIP.
 2. ALEJO HAS REPLACED FORMER DIRECTOR GENERAL FOMENTO MINERO (MINING DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION) TORRES WITH CARLOS AVILA MARTINEZ, FORMERLY WITH 100 PERCENT GOM-OWNED ZINC COMPANY ZINCAMEX.
 3. CARLOS AVILA M. IS ABOUT 33 YEARS OLD AND REPORTEDLY A CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF SUB-SECRETARY PATRIMONIO NACIONAL JORGE LEIPEN, AND AVILA ALSO PREVIOUSLY ASSOCIATED WITH ZINCAMEX. ALEJO, LEIPEN, AND AVILA THUS COMPRISE THE NUCLEUS OF GOM'S NATURAL RESOURCE POLICY GROUP. ALL THREE ARE RELATIVELY YOUNG (BIO NOTE: ALEJO IS 34, LEIPEN IS 38) AND REPORTEDLY MODERATELY NATIONALISTIC.
 4. IN BRIEF DISCUSSION WITH AVILA, EMBOFF WAS ASSURED THAT MEXICAN RAW MATERIALS POLICY UNDER ALEJO WOULD NOT BE SUBJECT TO MUCH CHANGE, AND FOREIGN INVESTMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO BE "WELL RECEIVED", UNDER MEXICAN LAW.
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